

13

Domestic Girlfriend

KEI SASUGA

D O M E X G I R L

Domestic Girlfriend

13

D O M E
G I R L

KEI SASUGA

DOME GIRL



CONTENTS

CH.115	CONFESSION	3
CH.116	CHANGING RELATIONSHIP	21
CH.117	AND THEN	39
CH.118	FUTURE DECISIONS	57
CH.119	WILL YOU...	75
CH.120	WHEN BODIES UNITE	93
CH.121	THE CYNICAL GIRL AND THE YOUNG BUCK	111
CH.122	THE UGLY DUCKLING	129
CH.123	MOVING ON	147
CH.124	SPREAD YOUR WINGS	164
EXTRA	DATE	181



CHAPTER 115: CONFESSION





DASH



WHAT'S GOING ON?!







I
JUST
...

I
LOVE
YOU,

RUI.

...WANTED
TO TELL
YOU THAT



YOU
FINALLY GOT
FED UP
WITH MY
INDECISION,
RIGHT?

EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'VE BEEN
SO UPFRONT
WITH ME
ABOUT YOUR
FEELINGS,



WELL
...

I KNOW
IT'S
KINDA
LATE FOR
THAT.



I CAN'T
BLAME
YOU FOR
GETTING
PISSED
OFF.

I
JUST
...



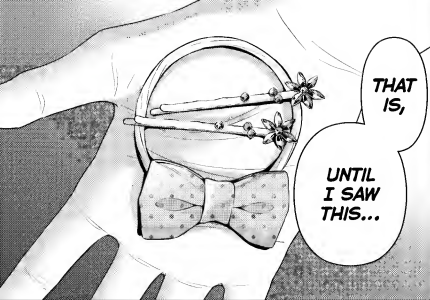
I
FIGURED
YOU
CAN'T
LOSE
WHAT YOU
NEVER
HAD.

I NEVER
WANT TO GO
THROUGH
THAT PAIN
AGAIN.



I WAS
AFRAID
...

...THINGS
WOULD
TURN OUT
THE SAME
AS WITH
HINA.



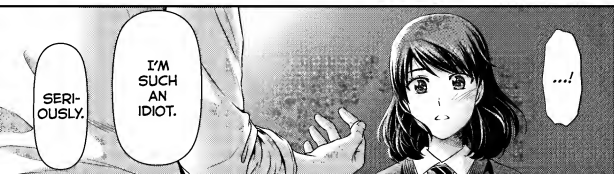
THAT IS,

UNTIL I SAW THIS...



THAT'S WHY,

I TRIED TO KEEP MY FEELINGS BOTTLED UP.



SERIOUSLY.

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.

...!



HOW I DON'T WANT TO HAND YOU OVER...

...TO ANY-ONE.



I TRY TO PUT UP A FRONT WHEN I'M JUST A COWARD.

I CAN'T BELIEVE ...

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW I REALLY FELT UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.



...TO
KASHIWABARA-
SEMPAI
DURING THE
FESTIVAL?



SO,
DID YOU
MANAGE
TO GET
CLOSER
...



MOMO-
SEMPAI'S
...



YOU
COULDN'T
TAKE YOUR
EYES OFF
KASHIWABARA-
SEMPAI'S
KIMONO.

SHE DID
LOOK
REALLY
PRETTY,
AFTER
ALL.



...GONNA
GO OUT
WITH FUJII-
SEMPAI.

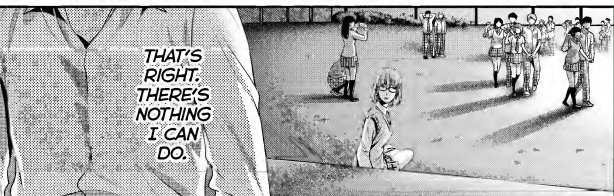
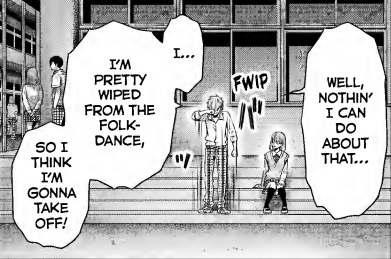
...PROB-
ABLY...

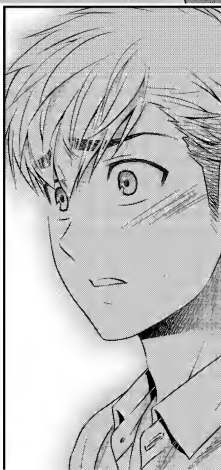


HOW
DID YOU
KNOW?
DID
BARUSU
TELL
YOU?!

HUH?!
WHA-

NO, BUT
IT'S PRETTY
OBVIOUS.







THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE HE LIKES.

I TRIED MY BEST, BUT...

HUH...?

WHY?
YOU GUYS WERE SO CLOSE...



...IN HIS HEART FOR ME.

...LOOKS LIKE THERE WASN'T ANY ROOM...



THAT'S AWFUL!

YOU LOOKED SO HAPPY GOING AROUND WITH HIM.

HOW COULD HE JUST LEAD YOU ON LIKE THAT?

WHAT A JERK!

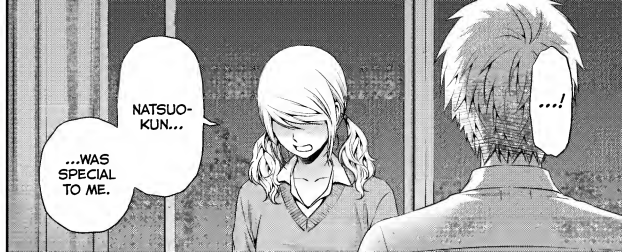
STOP IT!

THEN HE JUST DUMPS YOU RIGHT AFTER?

HONESTLY, I THINK IT'S GOOD YOU AREN'T WITH AN ASSHOLE LIKE-

WH-
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

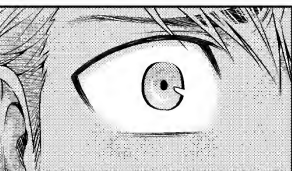
YOU MEAN HE ENTERED THE DATING EVENT WITH YOU EVEN THOUGH HE LIKES SOMEONE ELSE?!





I'D NEVER
...

MET
ANYONE
LIKE THAT
BEFORE.

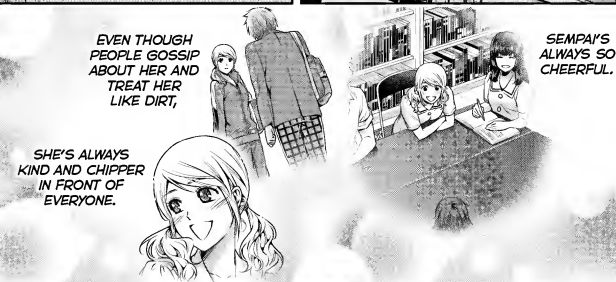


BUT,
NAT-SUO-
KUN
...

WASN'T
CREEPED
OUT WHEN
HE SAW
THESE.

HE KEPT
TALKING
TO ME LIKE
NORMAL
AFTER HE
FOUND
OUT.

AND
HE EVEN
OFFERED
TO GET
DINNER IF I
EVER GOT
LONELY.



EVEN THOUGH
PEOPLE GOSSIP
ABOUT HER AND
TREAT HER
LIKE DIRT,

SEMPAI'S
ALWAYS SO
CHEERFUL.

SHE'S ALWAYS
KIND AND CHIPPER
IN FRONT OF
EVERYONE.



IT'S NOT
CREEPY.

I'D NEVER
THINK
THAT.

I
MEAN
...



AND NOW...

...SHE'S
HURTING
WORSE...

...THAN
ANYONE CAN
IMAGINE!





GOING
TO AL...



I JUST
THOUGHT
I SHOULD
TELL HIM IN
PERSON.

...WASN'T
MY ANSWER
TO HIS
CONFESSION
OR ANY-
THING.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

BUT
WHAT?

"I WAS
REALLY
HAPPY,
BUT..."

HUH
...?



I
GAVE
IT...
A LOT OF
THOUGHT.

I WRACKED
MY BRAIN,

AND THE
ANSWER
I CAME UP
WITH IS...





BUT,

I KNOW
I'M JUST
BEING
STUPID,

EVEN
NOW, AN
OFF-HANDED
COMMENT
FROM HIM
CAN MAKE
ME ANYTHING
FROM
ELATED TO
DEPRESSED.



...I JUST
CAN'T...

...LET GO
OF MY
FEELINGS.



BRING
MYSELF TO
GIVE UP.

BUT I JUST
CAN'T...

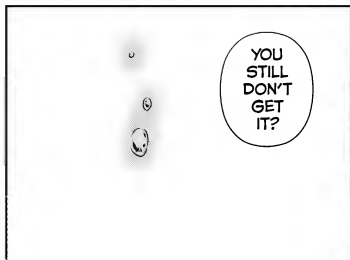
YOU'D TREAT
ME NICELY
AND MAKE
ME HAPPY.

I'M SURE
THAT IF WE
WENT OUT,



THEN
...

HUH
...?



YOU
STILL
DON'T
GET
IT?



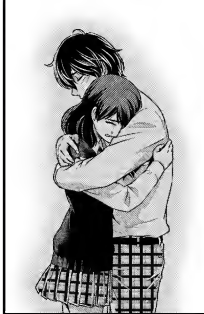
I'M
SORRY
...

SO,



**I'M
SAYING
I'M SO
GLAD
THAT...**

**...I DIDN'T
LET GO OF
MY FEELINGS
FOR YOU!**



HUH
?



I MADE
YOU CRY
AGAIN,



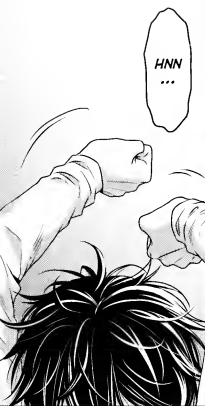
THIS
IS THE
FIRST
TIME.

IT'S
OKAY.



CHAPTER 116:
CHANGING RELATIONSHIP

D O M E X G I R L





MORNIN'.

CHACK
カキ
ヤ



MORN-
ING.



GOOD
MORNING,
NATSUO-
KUN.



MUMBLE
ホソ...

MORN-
ING...



ほろ
ろ



ちゅ



THANKS
FOR
BREAK-
FAST.

YOU'RE
WEL-
COME.



UHH.
I'LL GO
WITH
TOAST.

WOULD
YOU LIKE
RICE OR
TOAST FOR
BREAKFAST,
NATSUO-
KUN?



DID YOU
TWO HAVE
A FIGHT OR
SOME-
THING?

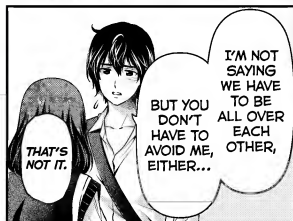
...

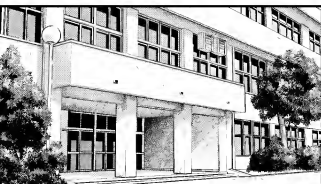


CHACK
+
+
+

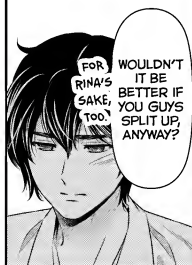


NO
...?





**SHE'S
TOO
FREAKING
CUTE!**



FOR
RINA'S
SAKE,
TOO.

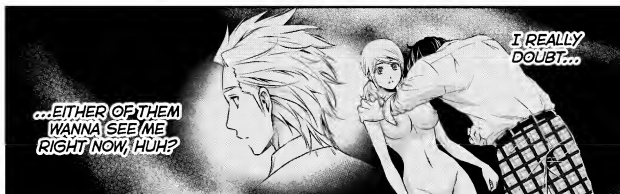
WOULDN'T
IT BE
BETTER IF
YOU GUYS
SPLIT UP,
ANYWAY?



SHE SAID
SHE'D BLOCK
ME ON LINE
IN A SUPER
SCARY VOICE.

THE
WAY SHE
SNAPPED
WAS TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
THIS TIME.

OOF.
SOUNDS
LIKE SHE
MEANS
IT.



...EITHER OF THEM
WANNA SEE ME
RIGHT NOW, HUH?

I REALLY
DOUBT...



ASHI-
HARA-
SAN...

WHAT
HAPPENED
YESTERDAY?
YOU LEFT
YOUR BAG
IN THE
CLUBROOM.

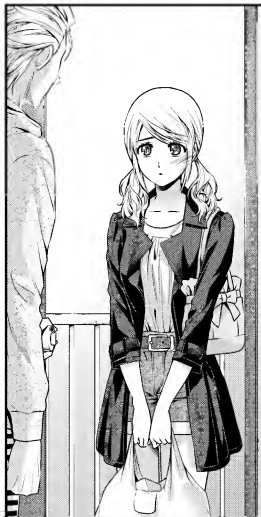
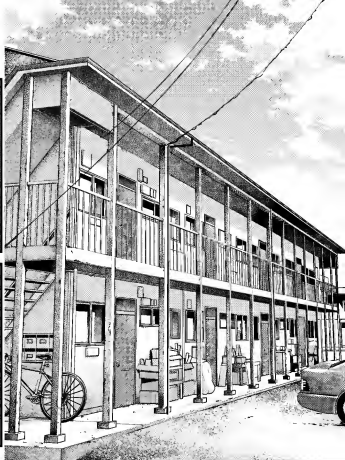
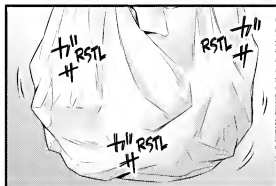
OH...
SOMETHING
CAME UP.



FUJII-
KUN.

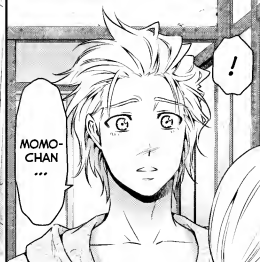








ALLIE!



MOMO-
CHAN
...



TEAR



BY
THE
WAY,



W-
WELL,
I...



YOU
KNEW
NATSUO-
KUN
LIKED
RUI-RUI,
DIDN'T
YOU?!

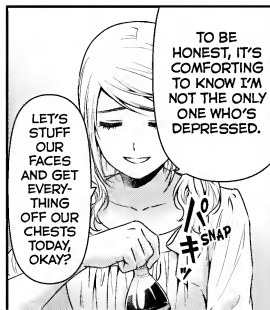
WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
TELL ME,
YOU BIG
DUMMY?!

BONK
BONK



I FOUND OUT
YOU SKIPPED
SCHOOL, TOO,
BECAUSE OF
MYU-CHAN'S
MESSAGE...

...AND
I JUST
COULDN'T
SIT STILL.



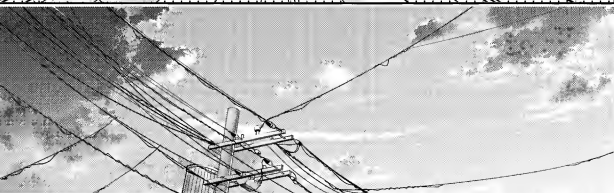


CHEERS!

CH-

CHEERS!

TO OUR
SHORT-
LIVED LOVE,
MERCILESSLY
BLOWN TO
PIECES...



WHAT
AN
IDIOT.

THIS PRO-
TAGONIST
HAS NO
IDEA HOW
MUCH SHE
LOVES
HIM.

I
FEEL
YOU,
LADY.

MAN
...

DOESN'T HE
THROW AWAY
EVERYTHING
AND ELOPE
WITH HIS TRUE
LOVE AFTER
THIS?



BUT
DOESN'T
THAT MEAN
THEY BREAK
OFF CONTACT
WITH EVERY-
ONE THEY
KNOW,
TOO?

Y'KNOW,

YOU
SEE THAT
KINDA
THING A
LOT,



WHY NOT
ME?!

I SWEAR
I COULD
MAKE
YOU
HAPPY!



...THAT'LL
HAPPEN
TO US,
TOO.

I
WON-
DER
IF...



I
GUESS?

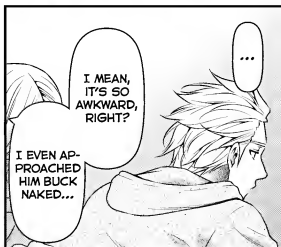


WELL, I
THOUGHT
IT'D SHOW
HIM HOW
SERIOUS I
WAS...

YOU MADE
A MOVE ON
HIM NAKED,
MOMO-
CHAN?!

HUH?!
NAKED
?!

I DUNNO IF
SERIOUS-
NESS AND
NAKEDNESS
GO AND IN
HAND!



I MEAN,
IT'S SO
AWKWARD,
RIGHT?

I EVEN AP-
PROACHED
HIM BUCK
NAKED...

...



BUT,
Y'KNOW,

I STILL
REALLY
LOVE...

...BOTH
OF
THEM.



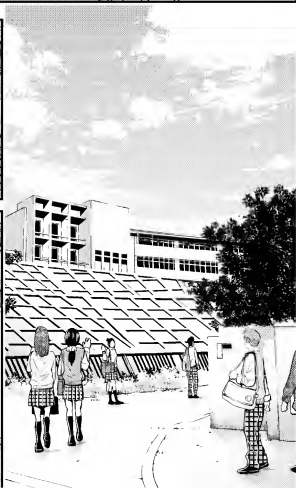
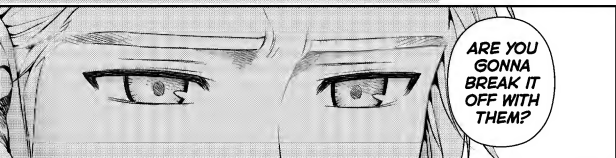
I GUESS
THAT
WASN'T
ENOUGH
TO BEAT
RUI-RUI.

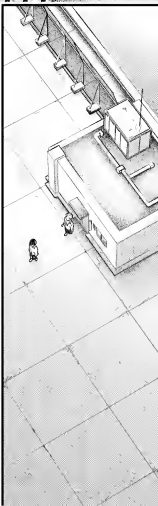
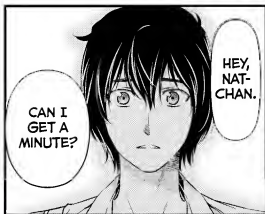
BUT,



I WONDER IF
WE'LL STOP
TALKING TO
THEM FROM
NOW ON.

SIGH
...







No.

Rui will be sad if I do.



AL...

A-ARE YOU TRYIN' TO KILL ME?!



AGH ...!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ... I...



PROMISE YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING TO MAKE RUI-CHAN SAD!

PROMISE ME!

PROMISE YOU'LL MAKE HER HAPPY!



GRIP

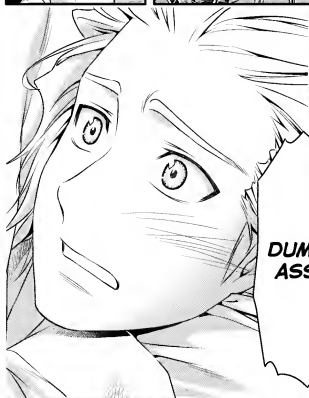
THEN I SWEAR I'LL STEAL HER FROM YOU!

IF YOU DON'T,



It's all your fault in the first place!

I wouldn't have been crushed if you had just confessed sooner!







Momo-sempai!
How's it going?
Sorry if I sounded
cheeky the other
day! 🐼
If you're free
today, wanna
get something
to eat with me
for a change
of pace? |

Hello,
Momo-sempai.
How are you?
I've been worried
how you've been
since then.
Would you like to
get coffee with
me sometime?
I think it'll help
take your mind
off of things. |







YOU
ALONE
?

WANNA
HANG
OUT
WITH
US
IF
YOU'RE
FREE?



MAYBE
I'LL
GO
WATCH
A
MOVIE
...

HEY,
CUTIE!



I'M
JUST
NOT
FEELING
IT.

I
BOUGHT
A TON,



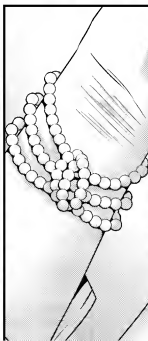
I
DUNNO
...

UHH
...



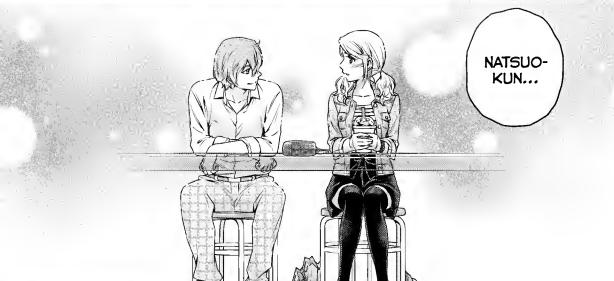
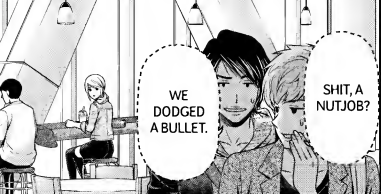
I CAN
CARRY
'EM
IF
YOU
WANT.

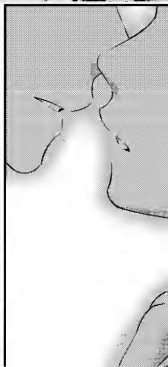
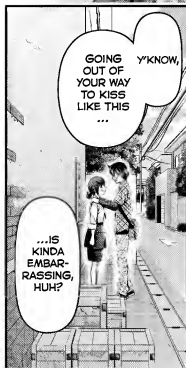
THAT'S
A LOT
OF
BAGS.



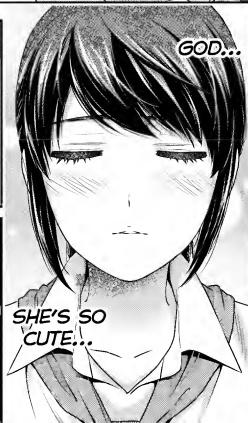
YEAH
?
THEN
...

WELL,
I AM
FREE,
ANYWAY.

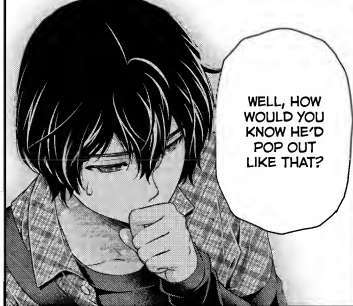












WELL, HOW
WOULD YOU
KNOW HE'D
POP OUT
LIKE THAT?



BUT DAD
SAID HE
WOULDN'T
TELL MOM
...

YEAH
...

NAH, I'M
TALKING
ABOUT HOW
I TOTALLY
LET MY
GUARD
DOWN.



...AWAY
FROM
HOME OR
WHERE
ANYONE
MIGHT
SEE US.

MAYBE WE
SHOULD
KEEP THIS
KINDA
THING...



Y'KNOW
?



OTHER-
WISE, WE'RE
DEFINITELY
GONNA GET
CARELESS.

AND WE
CAN'T
LET OUR
PARENTS
FIND OUT
ABOUT
US,

SO WE
SHOULD
SET SOME
GROUND
RULES.



HUH?
WHERE,
THEN?

LIKE IF WE
GO ON A
DATE SOME-
WHERE WE
WON'T RUN
INTO ANYONE
WE KNOW.





SORRY,
CAN YOU
HAND
ME THE
TABLET?

Yes!
Yes!
We're
clover
clover



THEY'RE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
GENRES OF
ENTERTAIN-
MENT!

THEY'RE
ON THE
SAME
LEVEL!

HOW
THE HELL
CAN YOU
TALK SHIT
ABOUT
LIGHT
NOVELS
WHEN YOU
LIKE IDOL
GROUPS
?!



しん...
POUT

RIK-
KUN.

DOWN.



WAIT,
WHY AM
I BEING
THREAT-
ENED
RIGHT
NOW?

GRRR

THANKS...



SORRY!

PIPE
DOWN, ALL
OF YOU!
I'M TRYING
TO SING
MY HEART
OUT HERE!



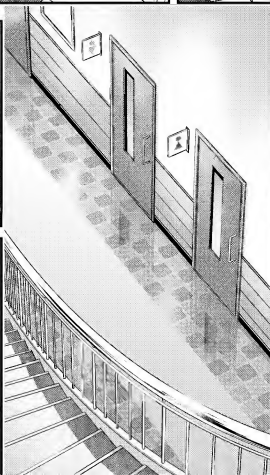
Let's Goo!
Let's Goo!!!



IF THINGS EVER
GET ROUGH
WITH NAT-CHAN,
YOU CAN COME
TO ME ANYTIME,
RUI-CHAN.

I'LL BE
WAITING.

HEY, QUIT
TRYING TO
MAKE A MOVE
ON HER THE
SECOND I
LOOK AWAY!







YOU
DIDN'T
SEEM
LIKE...

YOU
LIKED
HIM THAT
WAY AT
ALL.



I MEAN,
YOU SAID
YOU'D
CHEER
ME ON.

...
I WAS
REALLY
SUR-
PRISED.



BUT...

I WAS
CONFIDENT
THAT I LOVED
NATSUO-KUN
THE MOST.

...IT
REALLY
WAS A
SHOCK.



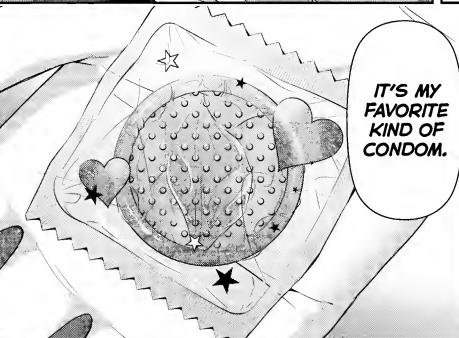
BUT I'M
PRETTY SURE
MINE ARE
STRONGER.

SORRY,



I WAS
SO SURE
...

...MY
FEELINGS
WERE
STRONGER
THAN
ANYONE
ELSE'S.





WANNA
WALK
HOME TO-
GETHER?

UM...



MO-

MOMO-
SEMPAI!



I MIGHT
NOT BE
THAT
DEPEND-
ABLE,
BUT...

IT'S
FINE!

GRAB



JUST GIVE
ME A CALL
AND I'LL
COME
RUNNING.

BUT IF
THINGS
EVER
GET
TOUGH,



I KNOW
I CAN'T
REALLY
TAKE FUJII-
SEMPAI'S
PLACE,



...JUST THE
WAY YOU ARE,
RIKKUN.

YOU'RE
NICE
ENOUGH
...



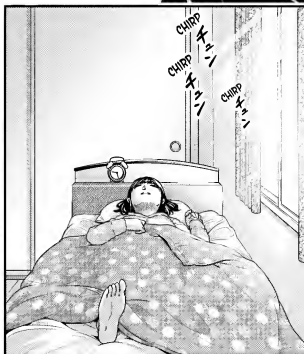
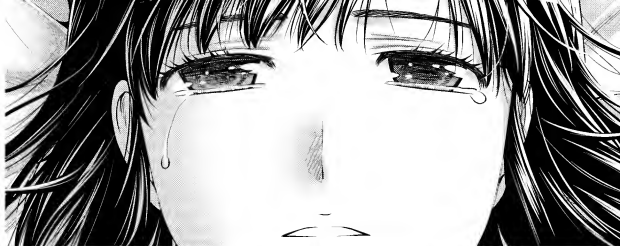
YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO TAKE
ANY-
ONE'S
PLACE.

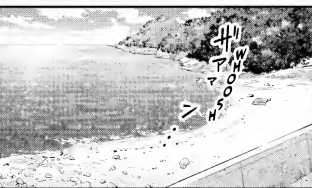
CHAPTER 118: FUTURE DECISIONS

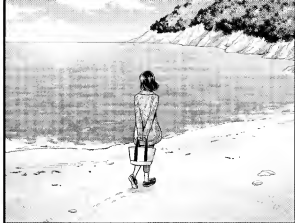












HINA-
CHAN.



I DROPPED
BY YOUR
APARTMENT,
BUT YOU
WERE OUT.

I'M
GLAD I
FOUND
YOU.

SHUU-
SAN!



OUT
FOR A
WALK
?



THANKS
FOR
BRING-
ING IT
ALL THE
WAY OUT
HERE.

THAT'S
SO NICE
OF YOU!



I FOUND
A STORE
THAT HAD
IT, SO I
GRABBED
YOU A
COPY.

REMEM-
BER THE
REFERENCE
BOOK YOU
SAID YOU
WANTED?

WHAT?!
REALLY
?!



I ONLY
HAVE A
BIT OF A
NICK-
NAME.

NOOO,
NOT YET!

SLAP
TO
#3

I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT'VE
BECOME
INFAMOUS
ACROSS THE
ISLAND FOR
YOUR DRUNKEN
ANTICS BY
NOW...

SO, THEY
KNOW
YOU'RE A
DRINKER.

I'M
GLAD.

YOU
SEEM
WELL.

YOU'RE
SO
HON-
EST.

...

IS
NATSUO-
KUN...

...WHO
YOU THINK
ABOUT
WHEN YOU
DRINK?

MY MOTHER
CALLED AND
ASKED ME
THAT, TOO.

SHE TOLD
ME TO
COME BACK
FOR THE
HOLIDAYS,

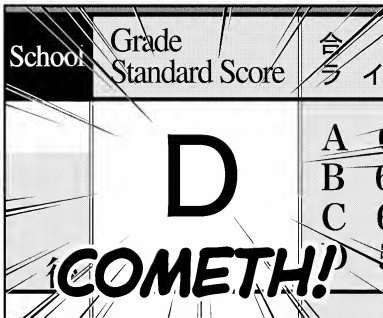
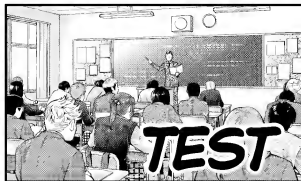
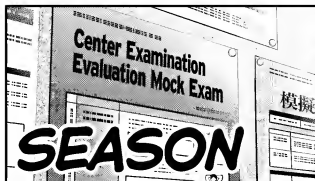
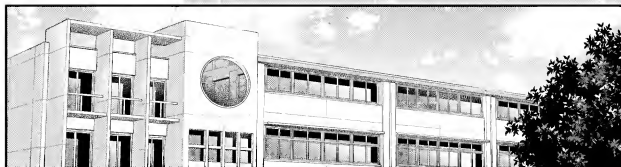
BUT IT'S
KIND OF
HARD
TO IN MY
SITUATION.

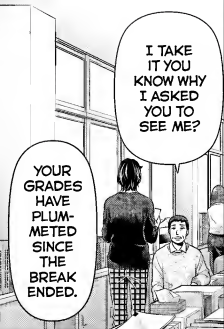
WHAT
ARE YOUR
PLANS
FOR NEW
YEAR'S?

ARE
YOU
STAYING
HERE?

...ON
THE
FENCE.

I'M STILL
...





YOUR GRADES HAVE PLUMMETED SINCE THE BREAK ENDED.

I TAKE IT YOU KNOW WHY I ASKED YOU TO SEE ME?



OH, YEAH. SORRY.

ERR... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WELL, I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SHOCKED...



I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR...

YES...



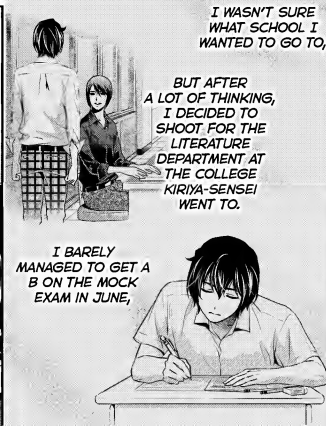
THEN, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?

BUT YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING TO COLLEGE, AREN'T YOU?

I'M SURE YOU WANT TO FOCUS ON YOUR WRITING, SINCE YOU RECEIVED THAT AWARD AND ALL,



BUT NOW...



I WASN'T SURE WHAT SCHOOL I WANTED TO GO TO,

BUT AFTER A LOT OF THINKING, I DECIDED TO SHOOT FOR THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT AT THE COLLEGE KIRIYA-SENSEI WENT TO.

I BARELY MANAGED TO GET A B ON THE MOCK EXAM IN JUNE,





I'M NOT
GOING
BECAUSE
I DON'T
THINK IT'S
FOR ME.

ISN'T THAT
DIFFERENT
FOR EVERY-
ONE?

THAT'S
THE
THING!



HOW
NECESSARY
IS COLLEGE?



WHILE
WORKING
ON THE
SIDE OR
SOME-
THING.

IN THAT
CASE, I FEEL
LIKE I CAN
JUST STUDY
ON MY OWN
AND KEEP
WRITING...

BUT MY
MAIN GOAL
IS MAKING A
LIVING OFF
OF WRITING,
RIGHT?

AT FIRST, I
THOUGHT I'D
GO TO COLLEGE
BECAUSE THERE
WERE THINGS
I WANTED
TO LEARN,



GOOD
CALL!

WHY DON'T
YOU TRY
TALKING TO
KIRIYA-SENSEI?
HE'S YOUR
WRITING
MENTOR,
AFTER ALL.

BUT IT'S
RISKY
TO JUST
DECIDE
ON A
WHIM.



I
SEE.

I GUESS
THAT'S
ONE
ROUTE.

RIGHT?!
IT'S NOT
LIKE I NEED
TO GO TO
COLLEGE
TO BE A
WRITER!

YES
...

HOW-
EVER,

I THINK
IT'S FINE
EITHER
WAY,

WHETHER
YOU
CHOOSE
TO GO
OR NOT.

FACULTY

COL-
LEGE?

SO,
PERSON-
ALLY,

I THINK
GOING WAS
THE RIGHT
CHOICE.

I FEEL
THAT ALL
OF THE
PEOPLE AND
VARYING
VIEWS I
ENCOUNTERED AT
COLLEGE,

AS WELL AS
EVERYTHING I
EXPERIENCED
THERE HAS
FACILITATED
MY WRITING.

SO MUCH
THAT I BELIEVE
I MAY NEVER
HAVE PURSUED
WRITING HAD I
NOT GONE TO
COLLEGE.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN YOU
MIGHT NOT
GO TO
COLLEGE
?!
THUD

HUH
?!



HE'S AT A TENDER AGE, AFTER ALL.

NOW, NOW ...

GOING TO COLLEGE DOESN'T GUARANTEE SOMEONE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL, AFTER ALL.

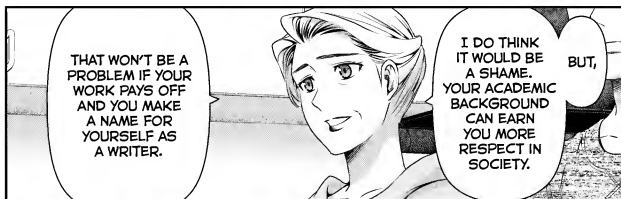


I AGREED TO LET YOU PURSUE WRITING BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU'D KEEP YOUR GRADES UP!

YOU'RE GOING, MISTER!

WHERE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK I'VE PUT INTO YOUR COLLEGE FUND?!



THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF YOUR WORK PAYS OFF AND YOU MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF AS A WRITER.

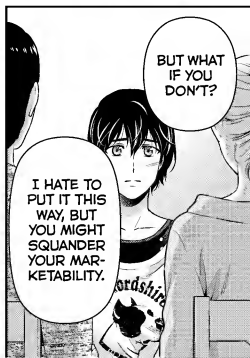
I DO THINK IT WOULD BE A SHAME. YOUR ACADEMIC BACKGROUND CAN EARN YOU MORE RESPECT IN SOCIETY.

BUT,



OH, YEAH ?

STARTED LOOKING FOR A REASON?



BUT WHAT IF YOU DON'T?

I HATE TO PUT IT THIS WAY, BUT YOU MIGHT SQUANDER YOUR MARKETABILITY.



IN MY OPINION,
COLLEGE IS
JUST ONE BIG
MORATORIUM.

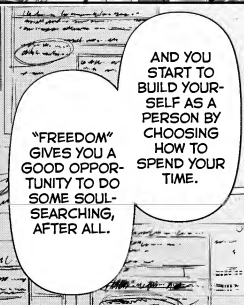
HELL IF
I KNOW IF
COLLEGE IS
NECESSARY
FOR
WRITERS.

MORATO-
RIUM?



HUH
...?

IT'S CLEAR
THAT YOU'RE
DESPERATELY
TRYING TO
JUSTIFY NOT
GOING.



AND YOU
START TO
BUILD YOUR-
SELF AS A
PERSON BY
CHOOSING
HOW TO
SPEND YOUR
TIME.

"FREEDOM"
GIVES YOU A
GOOD OPPOR-
TUNITY TO DO
SOME SOUL-
SEARCHING,
AFTER ALL.



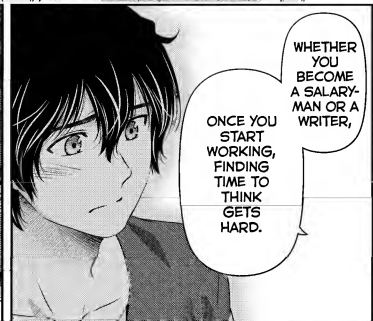
A
GRACE
PERIOD
OF
SORTS.

YOU GET A
SURGE OF
FREEDOM YOU
NEVER HAD IN
HIGH SCHOOL,
WHERE EVERY-
THING IS
DECIDED
FOR YOU.



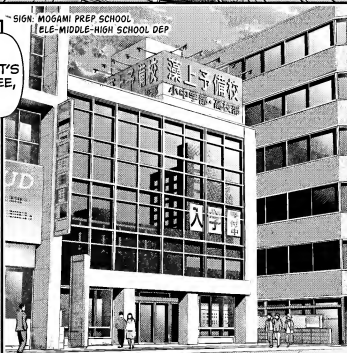
SO,

I'VE
DECIDED
...

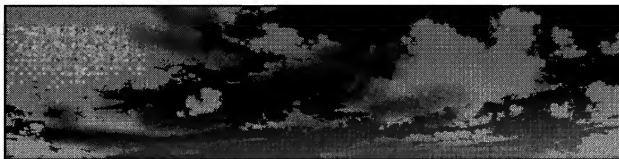


WHETHER
YOU
BECOME
A SALARY-
MAN OR A
WRITER,

ONCE YOU
START
WORKING,
FINDING
TIME TO
THINK
GETS
HARD.









BY.
THE.
WAY.



WHO CARES?
YOU'RE THERE
TO LEARN,
ANYWAY.

I'M NOT
SURE I'LL
BE ABLE
TO FIT IN.

YEAH,
BUT...



WHERE
DO YOU
WANNA
GO ON
OUR
DATE?



OH...
I HAVE
CLASS ALL
DAY ON
SUNDAY.

SOR-
RY...



I ASKED
FOR SUNDAY
OFF FROM
WORK.

PERSONALLY,
I THINK THE
AQUARIUM
SOUNDS
GOOD.

HUH
?



RICE BALLS: DUMMY



*Profitez d'un
délicieux gâteau*



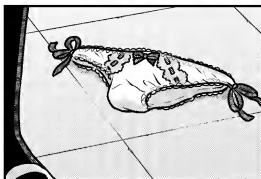
DOMEGIRL 4-PANEL THEATER



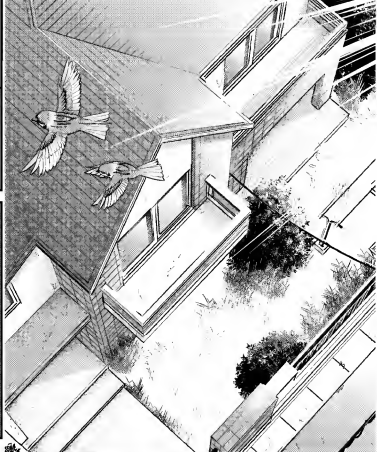
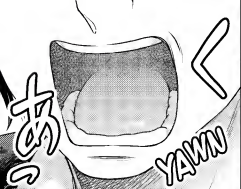
PROMISE



YOU DROPPED THIS



*GAKURAN: A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSISTING OF A BUTTON-DOWN JACKET AND SLACKS.





WHERE
DO YOU
WANNA GO
ON OUR
DATE?

IS
SHE
STILL
MAD
...

SORRY.

OH...
I HAVE
CLASS ON
SUNDAY.

...ABOUT
LAST
NIGHT?

RICE BALLS' DUMMY



ぐくぐ
GULP...



HEY
...

THANKS
FOR THE
RICE
BALLS
LAST
NIGHT.
THEY
WERE
GOO-



H-HEY,
BY THE
WAY!



WAIT UP!
I'LL GO
WITH YOU!

HUH?
ALREADY
?!



WHY
DON'T WE
WALK HOME
TOGETHER?
I'LL MEET
YOU THERE.

I GET OUT OF
PREP SCHOOL
TOMORROW
AROUND THE
TIME YOU GET
OFF WORK.

WE CAN
GRAB THOSE
NEW MINI
PARFAITS AT
THE CONVENIENCE
STORE ON
THE WAY.



BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN DO,
MAN.

I'M
TAKING
OFF.



THEN
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

DO YOU
WANT ME TO
SKIP PREP
SCHOOL
OR WHAT?



OR WE
COULD
TAKE A
DETOUR
AND—

IT'S
FINE.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO TRY
TO MAKE IT
UP TO ME
LIKE THAT.



OR ON
THE
WEEKEND
EITHER,

BUT
...

IF WE
CAN'T ACT
LIKE A
COUPLE
AT HOME,



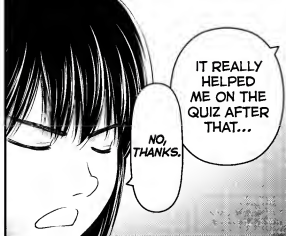
I
KNOW
...
THERE'S
NOTHING
YOU CAN
DO.



THEN I
THINK I
HAVE THE
RIGHT
...

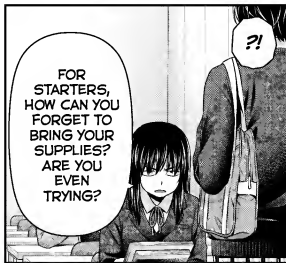
...TO POUT
A LITTLE,
AT LEAST.





NO,
THANKS.

IT REALLY
HELPED
ME ON THE
QUIZ AFTER
THAT...



?!

FOR
STARTERS,
HOW CAN YOU
FORGET TO
BRING YOUR
SUPPLIES?
ARE YOU
EVEN
TRYING?



....!

TAKE
YOUR
SEATS.
WE'LL
BEGIN
CLASS
NOW.

HELLO.

ハ
ハ
ハ
CHACK



IF YOU'RE
NOT SERI-
OUS ABOUT
STUDYING,
THEN LEAVE,
DUMBASS.

AND
YOU
JUST
STARTED
COMING,
TOO.

WHAT
WOULD
YOU HAVE
DONE IF
THAT WAS
THE REAL
DEAL?

HERE'S
A NEW
ONE.

THANKS
FOR THE
ERASER
YESTER-
DAY.







OH ...
I SEE ...



OH.
RUI-CHAN?
SHE JUST LEFT.

HUH ?

UM ...
TACHI-BANA.



WAITING
FOR
SOME-
ONE?

S-
SOR-
RY.



YOU MUST
BE WHY RUI-
CHAN'S BEEN
IN SUCH A
GOOD MOOD
LATELY.

AHH. I
GETCHA.



JUST THE
OTHER
DAY...

チヤ
CHACK



SHE'D CHAT
WITH THE
REGULARS,

OR JOIN
THE OTHER
WAITRESSES
FOR GIRL
TALK.

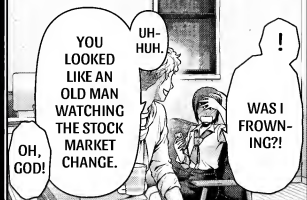
IT DOESN'T
SOUND LIKE A
BIG DEAL, BUT
SHE'D NEVER
DONE ANYTHING
LIKE THAT UP
UNTIL NOW.
EVERYONE WAS
A LITTLE
SURPRISED.



WHAT ?

WELL,
SHE DID
SEEM
KINDA
DOWN
TODAY.

BUT SHE
HAD BEEN
UNUSUALLY
CHEERFUL
FOR A
WHILE.



OH,
GOD!

YOU
LOOKED
LIKE AN
OLD MAN
WATCHING
THE STOCK
MARKET
CHANGE.

UH-
HUH.

!
WAS I
FROWN-
ING?!



WHAT'S
WITH THE
GRIM
LOOK?



BUT
THERE ARE
JUST SO
MANY...

I WAS
LOOKING UP
DATE SPOT
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS,



THAT
DEPENDS
ON WHAT
THE GUY'S
INTO,
BUT...

HMM
...



WHAT KIND
OF DATES
DO GUYS
LIKE TO
GO ON?



IT WAS
LOVE
THAT
CHANGED
HER.

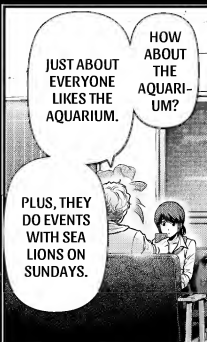
THAT WAS
WHEN IT
HIT ME.

AFTER ALL,
WHEN SHE
WAS THINK-
ING ABOUT
THE DATE
...



OH...

THAT
MIGHT
BE GOOD!



JUST ABOUT
EVERYONE
LIKES THE
AQUARIUM.

HOW
ABOUT
THE AQUARI-
UM?

PLUS, THEY
DO EVENTS
WITH SEA
LIONS ON
SUNDAYS.

...IT WAS
ALMOST
EMBAR-
RASSING
TO
WATCH.



...SHE
LOOKED SO
EXCITED
THAT...



WHAT
HAPPENED?
YOU GUYS
HAVE A
FIGHT?

THEN, HER
MOOD
FLIPPED AND
SHE WAS
SIGHING ALL
DAY TODAY.



BUT I
THINK
SHE
SAID,

"I FEEL
LIKE I'M
GOING IN
CIRCLES."



AHH. NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION IT,
MAYBE?

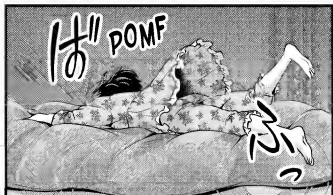
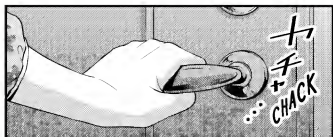
I DIDN'T
HAVE TIME
TO STOP AND
LISTEN,



...

DID SHE
...

SAY ANY-
THING?







WILL YOU
HAVE SEX
WITH ME
HERE?



I THOUGHT
YOU HIT
YOUR
HEAD OR
SOMETHING.

OH ...

YOU KNOW
THAT JUST
REFLECTS
BACK
ON YOU,
RIGHT?



...YOU'VE
GOT THE
WRONG
IDEA.

I FEEL
LIKE...



THAT'S
WHAT YOU
SAID THE
FIRST TIME
WE MET!

HUH?
WHERE DID
THAT COME
FROM?

DON'T
GET
CREEPED
OUT!



PROBABLY
WAY MORE
THAN
YOU DO,
HONESTLY!



BUT
I'M JUST
BEING
CAREFUL.

YOU MIGHT
THINK I'M
NOT BEING
ASSERTIVE,

I REALLY
WANNA
FOOL
AROUND
WITH YOU,
Y'KNOW.



SO,
JUST
FOR
TODAY,

NAT-
SUO
...



...ABOUT
NOT ACTING
LIKE A
COUPLE
AT HOME,
OKAY?!

LET'S
FORGET
ABOUT
THAT
WHOLE
THING...



IT WAS
YOUR
IDEA IN
THE FIRST
PLACE!

WHAT'S
WITH
THAT?



PFF
?



WHY
...?

IT'S NOT
LIKE I
DON'T
WANT TO,
BUT,



THEN
I'LL
LEAVE.

IF YOU
DON'T
WANT TO,



NO. YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO SAY,
"I JUST WANT
TO EXPERIENCE
IT," RIGHT?

I'M
JUST
IN THAT
KINDA
MOOD.

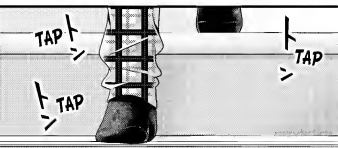
BACK
THEN,
SURE.

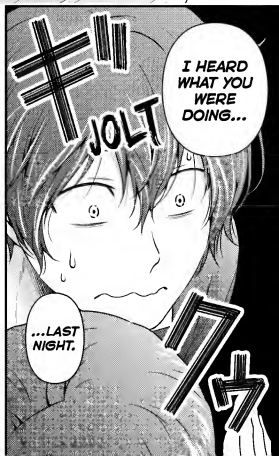
IT'S
DIFFERENT
NOW.

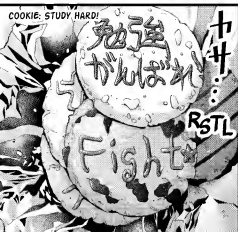
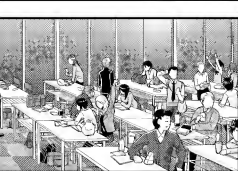
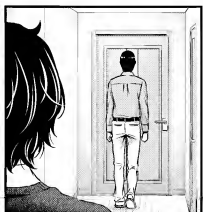
CHAPTER 120: WHEN BODIES UNITE

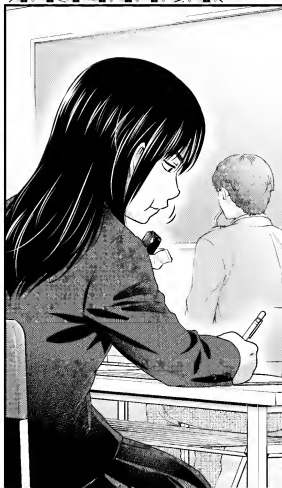


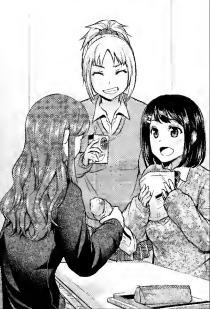














!

105
DEGREES
IS THE
SUM OF
60 AND
45,

SO IF YOU
USE THE
ADDITION
THEOREM
TO GET $\sin$,
THEN...



THIS
FORMULA
IS WRONG.

た
CLAT 7



I GOT
STUCK ON
THE SAME
KINDA
PROBLEM
BEFORE,
TOO.

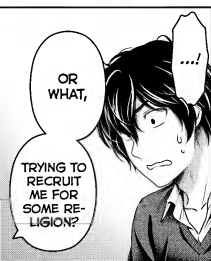
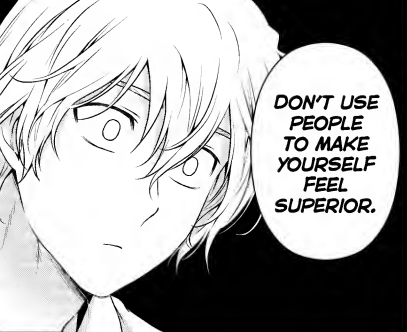
...



...SINCE
YOU
WOULDN'T
TAKE THE
ERASER.

UM...

I JUST
WANTED TO
SHOW MY
THANKS...





ASS-
HOLE!

THIS IS
WHY I
HATE
GUYS.



LOOKING
DOWN ON
PEOPLE
FOR HOW
THEY LOOK
IS DIS-
GUSTING.



THE REASON
YOU FIRST
TALKED TO ME
WAS BECAUSE
YOU THOUGHT
I WAS "SAFE,"
RIGHT?



OH.

DID YOU
SNAP OUT
OF IT?

WH-
WHERE
AM I?



GASP







SHE SAID
THAT OUT
OF NO-
WHERE.

I WAS
BLIND-
SIDED.

SIGN: CAFÉ & BAR
L'AMANT



BUT I DON'T
HEAR
ABOUT THE
OPPOSITE
MUCH.

THERE ARE
GUYS OUT
THERE WHO
DIS GIRLS
BECAUSE
THEY'RE NOT
POPULAR,

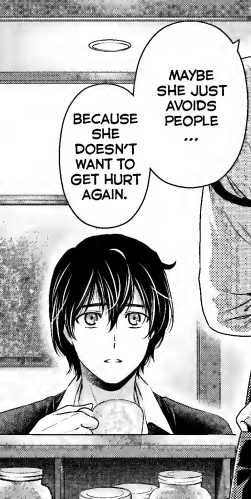
JUST
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
I'LL HAVE
TO SEE HER
IN CLASS
AFTER THIS
BUMS ME
OUT...



PHEW.

SOUNDS
LIKE THAT
GIRL'S GOT
ONE MAJOR
PERSECUTION
COMPLEX.





BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GET HURT AGAIN.

MAYBE SHE JUST AVOIDS PEOPLE ...



HER SELF-DEPRECIATION...

MAKES ME THINK SHE WAS COMPARED TO OTHERS A LOT GROWING UP.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF GIRLS OUT THERE WHO ARE STILL CHARMING DESPITE NOT BEING THE PRETTIEST.

THERE HAS TO BE A GOOD REASON...

HE'S RIGHT...

...SHE TURNED OUT SO TWISTED.

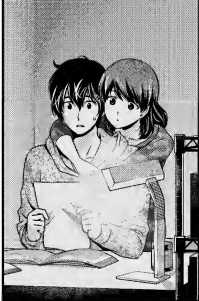


from Rui
subject (No Subject)

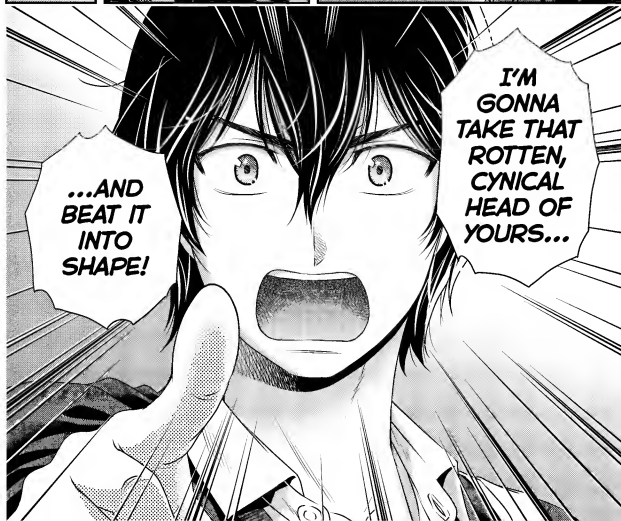
Are you gonna be up late again?
I'll make some minestrone for you to snack on later if you want.



BO-
DING



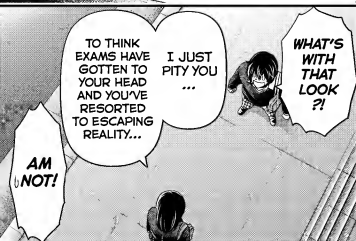






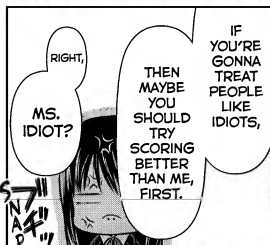
CHAPTER 121:

THE CYNICAL GIRL AND THE YOUNG BUCK





WHO'S
THE IDIOT
WHO SCORED
LOWER THAN
THAT IDIOT
ON THE
TEST?



RIGHT,
MS.
IDIOT?

THEN
MAYBE
YOU
SHOULD
TRY
SCORING
BETTER
THAN ME,
FIRST.

IF
YOU'RE
GONNA
TREAT
PEOPLE
LIKE
IDIOTS,



YOU
BETTER
NOT TALK
TO ME
AGAIN
AFTER I
DO, GOT
IT?!

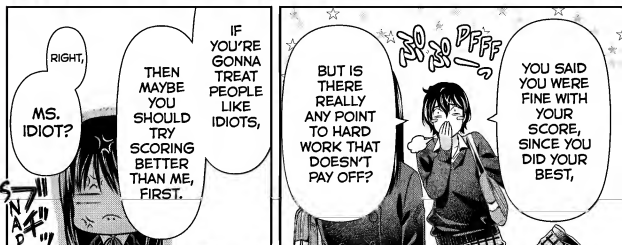
ARE
YOU
LISTEN-
ING?!



YOU'RE
ON!

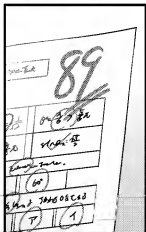
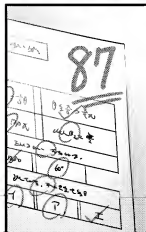
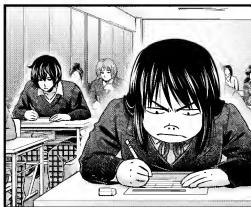
I SWEAR
I'LL BEAT
YOUR
ASS ON
TOMOR-
ROW'S
TEST!

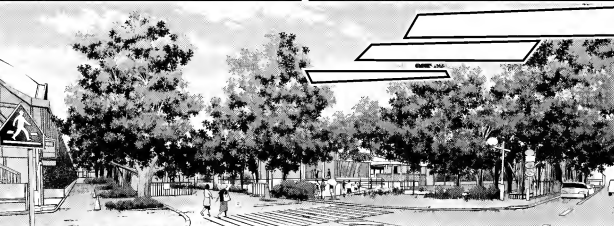
SHUT
THE
HELL
UP,
DUMB-
ASS!



BUT IS
THERE
REALLY
ANY POINT
TO HARD
WORK THAT
DOESN'T
PAY OFF?

YOU SAID
YOU WERE
FINE WITH
YOUR
SCORE,
SINCE YOU
DID YOUR
BEST,

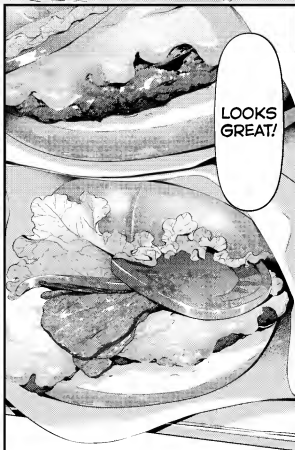




I'M SURPRISED YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS PLACE.

THIS RESTAURANT'S REALLY POPULAR, HUH?

I HAVEN'T WAITED THAT LONG FOR FOOD IN A WHILE.



LOOKS GREAT!



HUH ...

YOU DON'T USUALLY CARE ABOUT TRENDS.

A GIRL FROM WORK TOLD ME ABOUT IT.



I WANT YOU
TO HAVE A
GOOD TIME,
TOO.



I WANTED
TO PICK
A GOOD
PLACE.

WELL,
IT'S OUR
FIRST
DATE
SINCE WE
STARTED
GOING
OUT.



REAL-
LY?!



THOUGH,
GUYS ARE
USUALLY
THE ONES
WHO WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



THANKS.

HA,
HA.

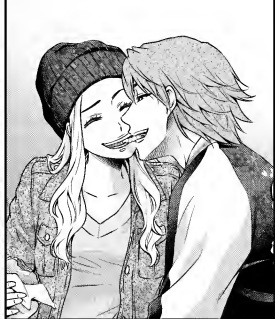


NAH.

I'M
HAPPY,
SO DON'T
SWEAT
IT.



AM I
GETTING
TOO
FORWARD
AGAIN...?





YOU'VE
BEEN
STUDYING
PRETTY
HARD
LATELY.

HOW'S
PREP
SCHOOL
GOING, BY
THE WAY?

IT'S
EMBAR-
RASS-
ING...

LET'S
NOT KISS
IN PUBLIC,
OKAY?

こっちのセリフだ。
YOU'RE TELLING US.



YEAH,
OVER
QUIZZES.

COMPE-
TITION?

THERE'S
THIS KINDA
ODD GIRL
IN CLASS,
SEE.



BUT I'M
IN THE
MIDDLE OF
A LITTLE
COMPETI-
TION RIGHT
NOW.

AHH.
PREP
SCHOOL
?

I CAN'T
SAY I'VE
REALLY
MELEDED
INTO THE
CLASS,



AND IT
SOMEHOW
TURNED
INTO A WHO-
CAN-SCORE-
HIGHER
CONTEST.

I WON-
DERED IF
THERE WAS
ANYTHING I
COULD DO
AND TRIED
TALKING
TO HER,

SO
...



DO
YOU MEAN
YOU WANT
TO HIT ON
HER?

BY
"WONDERED
IF THERE'S
ANYTHING I
COULD DO,"



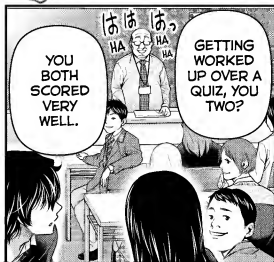
BUT
SHE'S WAY
MOODIER
AND PRETTY
MUCH A BALL
OF SELF-
CONSCIOUS-
NESS.

SHE
REMINDS
ME A
LITTLE OF
YOU WHEN
WE FIRST
MET,

SHE
DESPISES
GUYS
BECAUSE
OF HOW SHE
LOOKS...

AND CAN
REALLY
LASH OUT
WITH HER
WORDS.







I SHOULD
THANK YOU
A LITTLE
BIT.

WELL, I
GUESS
...



I DON'T
THINK
I'VE EVER
GOTTEN A
PERFECT
SCORE
BEFORE.

WOW
...



DAMN
IT!



!

I WASN'T
CONFIDENT
IN MY LOOKS,
EITHER,
Y'KNOW.



THIS
IS ME
...

...WHEN
I WAS IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.



...

HERE.



FOUR
YEARS
AGO

WHY ARE
GIRLS
ALWAYS
SO STUCK-
UP?!

SO I KINDA
UNDERSTAND
...

WHERE
YOU'RE
COMING
FROM.



PEOPLE
ALWAYS
TREATED
ME LIKE
A BORING
NERD,



MAN,
WHAT A
PAIN!

GIRLS ARE
NOTHING
BUT
TROUBLE!

AND WHEN
I TRY TO
COMPLAIN,
THEY ALL
GANG UP
ON ME.



THEY'RE
A
BLIGHT!

JUST
ABOUT!

C'MON,
NOT ALL
OF THEM.

NAT-
SUO

WHAT
?!



THEY'RE
HYSTERICAL
GOSSIPERS WHO
ACT TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
DEPENDING ON
WHO THEY'RE
TALKING TO!

THEY KEEP
PUSHING ALL
THE T.A. DUTIES
ON ME LATELY,
Y'KNOW!

SOUNDS
ROUGH.

NATSUO, MIDDLE SCHOOL
SECOND-YEAR



SO, I WAS
JUST HOPING
I COULD DO
FOR YOU
WHAT HE DID
FOR ME.

I LIKE TO
THINK I'M
HAPPY NOW
BECAUSE
I HAD A
FRIEND
LIKE HIM.

I REALIZE
THE ONE I
WAS MOST
UNHAPPY
WITH WAS
MYSELF.

THINK-
ING
BACK ON IT,

I
STILL
...

BUT I'LL
REMEMBER
THAT THERE
ARE WEIRDOS
LIKE YOU OUT
THERE, TOO.

...HATE
GUYS.

AND
ABOUT
WHAT
YOU SAID
BEFORE
...

SWIF

...!





ARISU
TSUBAKI.

TSUBAKI.



NOT
ME! NOPE!
I
SWEAR!

DID YOU
JUST
LAUGH
...?

ぶっ
SHAKE

ぶっ
SHAKE

ぶっ



アリス

つばき

PFF.

ARISU TSUBAKI

I TOLD
YOU...

SO,
YOU DID
THINK
IT WAS
FUNNY!

oops.

NAH,
I'D STILL
THINK IT WAS
KIND OF A
CRAZY NAME,
EVEN FOR A
MODEL.

YEAH,
RIGHT.
WELL,
SORRY
AN UGGO
LIKE ME
HAS SUCH
A FRILLY
NAME.

...I
DIDN'T
LAUGH!

HUH.
YOU HAD
FRIENDS
?

SURE.

YOU'RE
PRETTY
RUDE,
Y'KNOW.
SHE'S MY
SISTER.

YOUR
SISTER
?!

LET'S
WALK HOME
TOGETHER!

WE'RE
ON A
FIRST
NAME
BASIS
AL-
READY?

A-ANYWAY,
LET'S BE
FRIENDS,
ARISU!

ARISU-
CHAAAAN!

OH,
HEY.

I JUST
GOT OFF
WORK!

ONCE
UPON A
TIME,



THERE WAS
AN UGLY
DUCKLING...

MUCH
SHORTER AND
STOUTER THAN
THE OTHERS.

CHAPTER 122: THE UGLY DUCKLING



ARISU!



FUN, I GUESS.

HOW'S SCHOOL, DEAR?

I'M KINDA BAD AT ARITHMETIC, THOUGH.



WHAT IS IT, GREAT GRANDMA?



GREAT GRANDMA.

WHAT DOES COMELY MEAN?



SO YOU HAVE TO STUDY HARD,

OKAY?



YOU'RE NOT VERY COMELY, UNLIKE RUNA,



THIS IS, RUNA.

AND THIS IS HER OLDER SISTER, ARISU.



OH, HOW PRE-CIOUS!

YOU SHOULD SIGN HER UP FOR A MODELING AGENCY!



AND THEY'RE ONLY A YEAR APART?

WOW! YOU HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS?

THAT'S RIGHT.

SAY HI, GIRLS.



...WERE ALWAYS AWKWARD, TO SAY THE LEAST.

THE STARES THE UGLY DUCKLING RECEIVED...



SHE SEEMS VERY WELL BEHAVED...

OH, MY...!



I WANNA PLAY, TOO!

GAAAH! I LOST AGAIN!



YOU'RE PRETTY BAD, TOO, GENTA!

WHAAAT? BUT YOU'RE BAD, RUNA.



HEEY!

LET'S PLAY VIDEO GAMES!

BUT THAT WAS ALL RIGHT,

BECAUSE SHE HAD A GOOD FRIEND.



THEY
WERE AS CLOSE
AS REAL
SIBLINGS.



SHE AND THE
NEIGHBOR BOY
WERE ALWAYS
TOGETHER.



SIGN: TSURUBAYASHI MIDDLE SCHOOL



YEARS
LATER
...



THAT
PIGGY
TSUBAKI
DEFINITELY
LIKES YOU,
DUDE.



NO WAY,
MAN!



WELL,
SHE'S
ALWAYS
TALKING
TO YOU,
RIGHT?

GENTA
...?

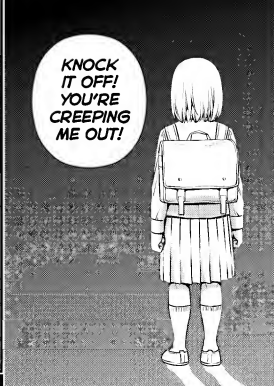


I WONDER
IF GENTA
HAS CLUB
TODAY.

WE
SHOULD
GO HOME
TOGETHER
IF HE
DOESN'T.



I'D
RATHER
DIE THAN
HAVE A
GARGOYLE
CRUSHING
ON ME!



KNOCK
IT OFF!
YOU'RE
CREEPING
ME OUT!



...

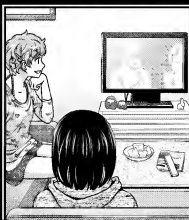
YEAH, SHE
DEFINITELY
HAS HER
SIGHTS
ON YOU!



I'M
HOME!

IT'S NOT
LIKE...

...I LIKE HIM
OR ANYTHING!

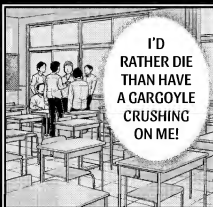




BE
CAREFUL.
IT'S DARK
OUT.



I'M
GOING
FOR A
WALK.



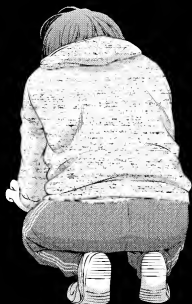
I'D
RATHER DIE
THAN HAVE
A GARGOYLE
CRUSHING
ON ME!



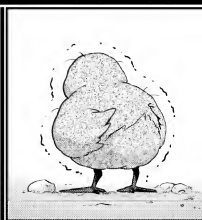
THIS
BEAUTIFUL
PRO
BOWLER...



...DON'T
HAVE ANY
RIGHT TO
LIVE.



...PEOPLE
WHO AREN'T
PRETTY...





...BECAUSE
YOU TALK
TO AN
UGGO
LIKE ME,
RIGHT?

YOU
WOULDN'T
LIKE IT IF
PEOPLE
STARTED
SPREADING
RUMORS
...

DON'T
TALK TO
ME ANY-
MORE.

HUH
?

GOING
HOME
?

HEY,
ABOUT
THE
ENGLISH
HOME-
WORK WE
GOT THIS
WEEK...



TURNED
HER
WOUNDS
INTO
ARMOR.

AND
SO, THE
UGLY
DUCK-
LING...



IT SOUNDS
LIKE HER
PROBLEMS
ARE PRETTY
DEEP,
RIGHT?

HOW
EXACTLY
ARE YOU
GOING TO
"FIX" HER
LOW SELF-
ESTEEM?

I DOUBT
IT'S GONNA
BE EASY,
ANYWAY.





BUUT,

I REALLY
WISH YOU'D
THINK ABOUT
ME MORE
WHEN WE'RE
TOGETHER.

WH-WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?
YOU'RE ALL
I THINK
ABOUT.



SATUR-
DAY



ACTUALLY,
I'M
FOCUSED
ON EXAM
SEASON
RIGHT
NOW.

OH,
RIGHT!
IT'S
ALREADY
THAT TIME
OF YEAR,
HUH?

THANKS
AGAIN FOR
HELPING
ME MOVE!
HOW'S
YOUR
WRITING
GOING?



CHILL
OUT.

TO
CHANGE YOUR
OUTLOOK,
WE'RE GOING
TO START BY
CHANGING
YOUR APPEAR-
ANCE.

WHISPER *ヒュー*
I WAS
WONDERING
WHY YOU
CALLED ME
OUT ON THE
WEEKEND ALL
OF A SUDDEN.
WHO THE
HELL IS SHE?

HEY ...

ヒュー
WHISPER



HEEEY,
NATSUO-
KUN! LONG
TIME NO
SEE!

HOW'VE
YOU
BEEN?!





WORK
?!



カ
チ
ヤ
クラック

THAT
TOOK A
WHILE,
HUH?

MUST
HAVE
BEEN
A LOT
OF...



HOLD UP.
WHERE'D
SHE
COME
FROM?

WHO THE
HELL IS
SHE?

PHEW.
IT WAS
WORTH
ALL THE
EFFORT.



OKAY,
THEN
...

W
H
A
A
?



BUT I
DON'T THINK
THERE'S
ANY POINT
IF SHE
DOESN'T
EVEN LOOK
LIKE HER-
SELF.

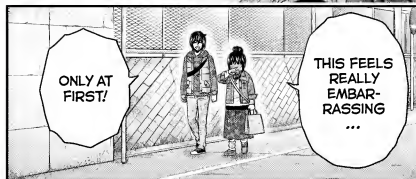
I
MEAN,
IT'S
DEFI-
NITELY
IMPRES-
SIVE,



WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?!
THIS IS ONE
AND ONLY
ARISU-
CHAN!

ズ
ン
ズ
ン

W
H
O
A!









YOU'RE A RANKER ?!

JUST SO YOU KNOW, I HAPPEN TO BE A-T ON THE LEADER-BOARD.



AREN'T YOU OVER-DOING IT A BIT?

I'M PRETTY GOOD AT GAMES, TOO...



I ALREADY SEE MYSELF LOSING!

C'MON. LET'S GO AN-OTHER ROUND!

WHOA.



SEE?

SWIF



HEY, SHE CAN HEAR YOU, MAN.

IF ONLY SHE WAS A LITTLE CUTER, Y'KNOW?



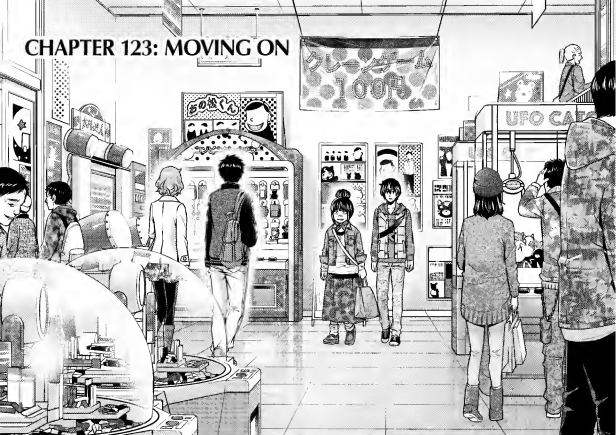
THAT'S SOME CRAZY MOVE EXECUTION.

IS THE GIRL WINNING ?

SERIOUSLY? DAMN, DUDE ...



CHAPTER 123: MOVING ON







*KYUSHU: THE SOUTHWESTERN ISLAND OF MAINLAND JAPAN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE COUNTRY FROM TOKYO.





YOUR
BOYFRIEND'S
WELCOME
TO COME,
TOO.



SO,
FOR
OLD
TIME'S
SAKE
...

I HEAR
THIS
ARCADE'S
GETTING
RID OF...

...THE SMASH
FIGHTER
CABINETS
WE USED TO
PLAY ON THE
SECOND
FLOOR.

**HUH
?!**



Y-YOU
HAVE EVERY
RIGHT TO
BE ANGRY,

I DON'T
WANNA
HEAR
YOUR EX-
CUSES.

YOU WERE
JUST
PICKING
HER UP!

GRIND
GRIND
GRIND



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
YOU'RE
PRETEND-
ING TO BE
HER BOY-
FRIEND?!



AND IT FELT LIKE SHE WAS SAYING IT OUT OF PRIDE.

I THINK SHE WANTED TO LEAVE HIM SPEECHLESS, SINCE HE TREATED HER LIKE A TROLL WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER.



NO, I SWEAR!

I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP ARISU PUT UP A FRONT...

WHY ?!



I PLAYED ALONG SO SHE COULD KEEP HER EGO INTACT.



I MEAN, BLUFFS ARE JUST A SIGN OF WEAKNESS, RIGHT?

I COULDN'T JUST TURN MY BACK ON HER WHEN SHE WAS AT HER MOST VULNERABLE.



I GUESS SHE DIDN'T WANT HIM TO THINK SHE'S BEEN BOTHERED BY IT ALL THIS TIME.

SHE COULDN'T TURN HIM DOWN.

WHY DID SHE EVEN TAKE HIM UP ON HIS OFFER?

YEAH, AND MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE!

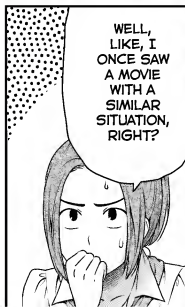


THANKS, RUI! I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS!



BUT JUST THIS ONCE, OKAY ?!

...
FINE!











IS THAT
HOW
IT IS?

AH,
HA,
HA,
HA.

WHAT, DID
YOU ASK
HIM TO
PRETEND
TO BE
YOUR BOY-
FRIEND?



YOUR
LOOKS
DON'T
MATTER!

PFF.

N-
NO
WAY
...

AS IF AN
UGGO LIKE
ME COULD
STEAL
YOUR BOY-
FRIEND,
ANYWAY...



あ
はあ
はあ
はあ



HA,
HA...



≠!!

GRIT



I
DON'T
GET
IT.

WHY
WOULD
YOU LIE
LIKE
THAT?



HOW SHE CAN'T TRUST GUYS, HOW HER SELF ESTEEM IS SO LOW SHE FEELS LIKE SHE HAS TO LIE...

EVERY-THING IS YOUR FAULT!

BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT HER BEHIND HER BACK!



WHY DO YOU THINK ARISU TURNED OUT LIKE THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?!

YOU DON'T GET IT? DON'T GIMME THAT...





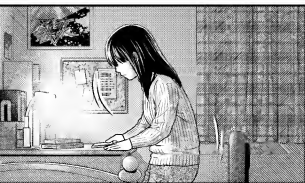
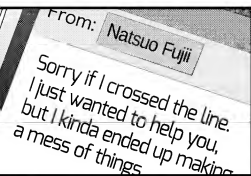
BUT,

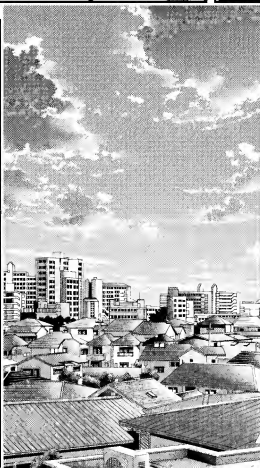
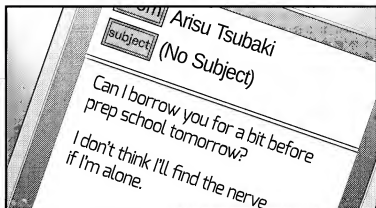


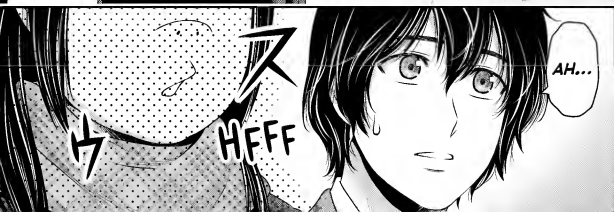
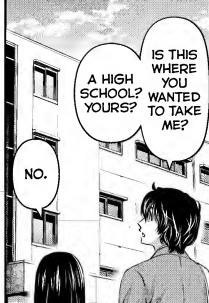
SHE WASN'T THE TYPE OF GIRL GUYS GO NUTS FOR.













DUMBASS!

**WHO
THE
HELL
WOULD
LIKE
YOU?!**

CHAPTER 124: SPREAD YOUR WINGS



OR THE
TIME YOU
STARTED
BAWLING
BECAUSE
YOU
COULDN'T
BEAT ME
AT VIDEO
GAMES,

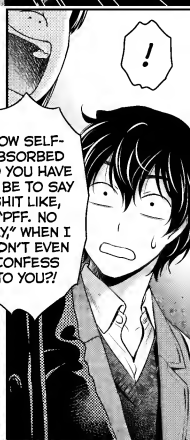
DO YOU
REMEMBER
THE TIME
YOU POOPED
YOUR PANTS
AT MY HOUSE
WHEN WE
WERE
LITTLE?!



THEN
BROKE A
GLASS
AFTER
WAVING A
CONTROLLER
AROUND AND
TRIED TO
BLAME IT
ON ME?!



HOW SELF-
ABSORBED
DO YOU HAVE
TO BE TO SAY
SHIT LIKE,
"PFF. NO
WAY," WHEN I
DIDN'T EVEN
CONFESS
TO YOU?!



!





BUT
SOMETHING
HIT ME
WHEN YOU
PUNCHED
GENTA
YESTER-
DAY.



...BECAUSE
I ACCEPTED
IT AS TRUE.

I WAS
HURT
BY WHAT
GENTA
SAID...



BECAUSE
IT WAS
EASIER
THAT WAY.

I USED
GETTING
HURT AS AN
EXCUSE TO
STOP TRYING,
AND JUST
SHUT EVERY-
ONE OUT.

...THAT
I'D BEEN
TRYING TO
BLAME ALL
OF MY
PROBLEMS
ON HIM.

I
SAW
...



I WON'T
LET OTHER
PEOPLE'S
VALUES
CONTROL
ME ANY-
MORE.



IT'S SO
STUPID.

IN THE
END, I
WAS THE
ONLY ONE
WHO WAS
HUNG-UP
ON MY
LOOKS.



YOUR
LOOKS
DON'T
MATTER!

THERE
WAS NO
REASON
...

TO LET
WHAT
ANYONE
SAID GET
TO ME.



I'LL
DECIDE
WHAT I'M
WORTH.

FROM
NOW ON,



I REALIZED
THE THE
MOST FUN
I EVER
HAD...

...WAS
PLAYING
SF WITH
YOU.



AND
EVER
SINCE,

NO
MATTER
WHO I
DATED OR
HUNG OUT
WITH, I
ALWAYS
JUST FELT
BORED.

BACK
THEN, I
COULDN'T
BE HONEST
AND
APOLO-
GIZE,

THEN WE
JUST
SORT OF
STOPPED
TALKING.



I'VE
ALWAYS
...

RE-
GRET-
TED
IT...

...TOO,
Y'KNOW.

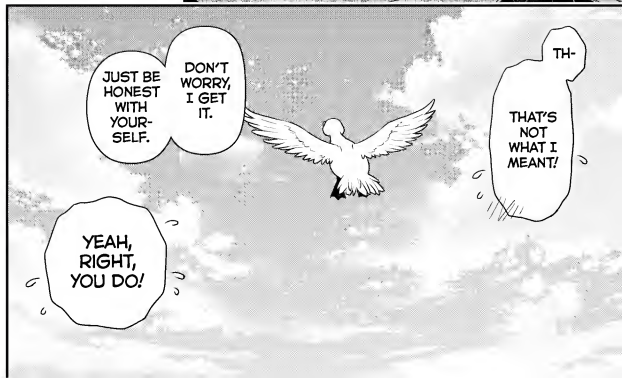


WHA-

WHAT
THE
HELL,
GENTA?

HA,
HA
...

YOU WERE
AN UGGO
CHASER ALL
ALONG?



JUST BE
HONEST
WITH
YOUR-
SELF.

DON'T
WORRY,
I GET
IT.

TH-

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
MEANT!

YEAH,
RIGHT,
YOU DO!



I WANNA CRUSH HIM BEFORE WE GO TO COLLEGE.

HA, HA. POOR GUY.

PRETTY MUCH.

WE'RE GONNA HAVE A GAME TOURNAMENT AT MY HOUSE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.



DID YOU GUYS PATCH THINGS UP AFTER THAT?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I'M STILL IN C.

AAAAH! I DROPPED DOWN TO CLASS B!

Shin Tsuda	↓	Class C
Arisu Tsubaki	↑	Class A
Aoi Tezuka	→	Class A

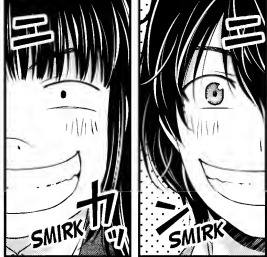
Sosuke Fukushima	→	Class A
Natsuo Fujii	↑	Class A
Yuki Horita	→	Class B

WHY SHOULD I?

WHY DON'T YOU HOLD BACK A LITTLE?

HEY, I HEARD THE NEW CLASS LIST GOT POSTED.

REALLY? LET'S GO SEE.



YOU
WORKED
REALLY
HARD,
AFTER ALL,
NATSUO-
KUN.

I WAS SO
SHOCKED
I TOOK A
PICTURE.

IT'S ONLY
BEEN A
MONTH, AND
YOU'VE AL-
READY BEEN
PROMOTED
TO CLASS
A? THAT'S
GREAT!

AKIHITO-
SAN,
MODESTY
...

THAT'S
RIGHT!

WELL,
I OWE
IT ALL TO
DAD'S PEP
TALK AND
TSUKIKO-
SAN'S
SUPPORT.

YOU'RE
KIDDING!

I WANTED
TO TREAT
YOU GUYS
TO A LITTLE
VACATION.

ACCOMMODATION VOUCHER
Izunagaoka Hot Spring
Akebi Manor

TO
SHOW MY
APPRECI-
ATION,

SLIDE

SO,

WHOA!
YOUR
NOSE IS
DRIPPING,
DAD!

NA-
NAT-
SU000!

YOU
BOTH HAVE
CHRISTMAS
OFF THIS
YEAR, RIGHT?
I WANT YOU
TO GO ENJOY
YOURSELVES.

....!

I STILL
HAVE SOME
AWARD
MONEY
LEFT OVER,
ANYWAY.

IT'S
COOL..

PLUS,
IT'S ALL
TO MAKE
SURE MY
TRUE PLAN
GOES OFF
WITHOUT
A HITCH.

TRUE
PLAN
?

CAN YOU
REALLY AFFORD
TICKETS TO A
PLACE LIKE
THAT?

ISN'T
IZU'S
AKEBI
MANOR A
LUXURY
INN?





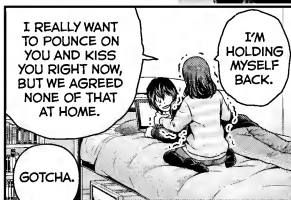
BUT DON'T YOU WANNA GO SOMEWHERE AND HAVE A REAL DATE SOME-TIMES?

CHILLING AT HOME WORKS, TOO,



...WITH JUST THE TWO OF US.

A CHRISTMAS VACATION ...



I REALLY WANT TO POUNCE ON YOU AND KISS YOU RIGHT NOW, BUT WE AGREED NONE OF THAT AT HOME.

I'M HOLDING MYSELF BACK.

GOTCHA.



HM?

WHAT'S UP?



SO, JUST GIVE ME A HUG FOR NOW!

I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!

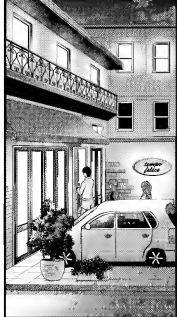
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SO"?

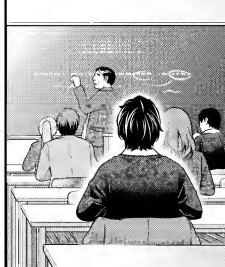


RESTAURANTS ARE SUPER BUSY ON CHRISTMAS, RIGHT?

THE ONLY PROBLEM IS YOUR JOB.

THINK YOU CAN TAKE TIME OFF?







CHRISTMAS
EVE



OKAY.
I'M GONNA
CLOCK
OUT,
THEN.

AWE-
SOME!
YOU CAN
TAKE
OFF NOW
IF YOU
WANT.



I'M DONE
WITH THE
HORS
D'OEUVRES!

OKAY
...



NO, WE'RE
MEETING
AT THE
STATION.

IS HE
PICKING
YOU UP?

YOU'RE
GOING
ON A TRIP
WITH YOUR
BOYFRIEND,
RIGHT?
I'M SO
JEALOUS!



I WAS
JUST
LEAV-
ING.

I SEE.

TAKE
CARE, AND
HAVE A
GOOD...



OH, RUI...

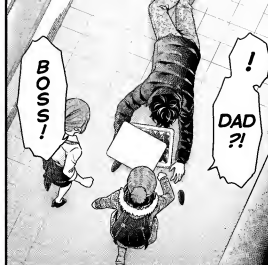
YOU'RE
STILL
HERE?



CREAK

SORRY
TO TAKE
OFF
WHEN
IT'S SO
BUSY.

DON'T
SWEAT
IT!



BOSS!

DAD?!



...TRIP.

THUD



HE'S BEEN WORKING LIKE MAD GETTING EVERYTHING READY.

OH, GOD. HE'S BURNING UP...

HE PROBABLY OVER-WORKED HIMSELF.

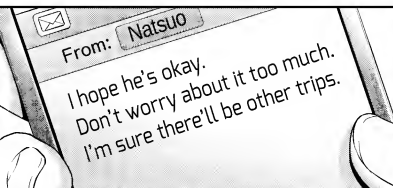
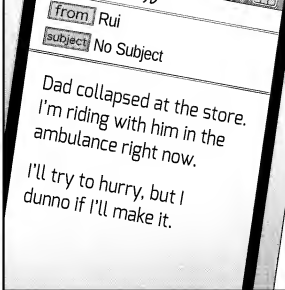


SOMEONE CALL AN AMBULANCE.

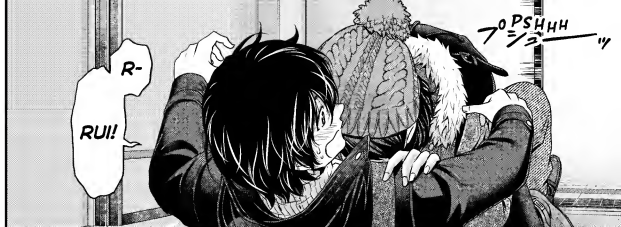
WHO'S GONNA RIDE WITH HIM?

WHAT ABOUT THE STORE?









Extra Manga

Date



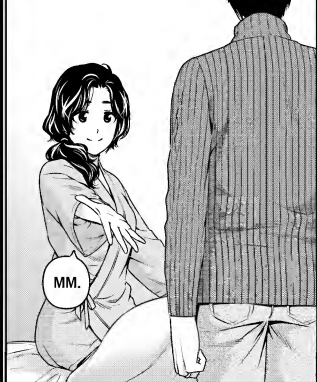








CLOSE
YOUR
EYES.



MM.



I SEE.

SORRY.



I THINK
ABOUT YOU
AND NATSUO
LIKE THIS.

WHENEVER I
GET LONELY
HERE AT THE
HOSPITAL,



IT REMINDS
ME THAT I'M
NOT ALONE.

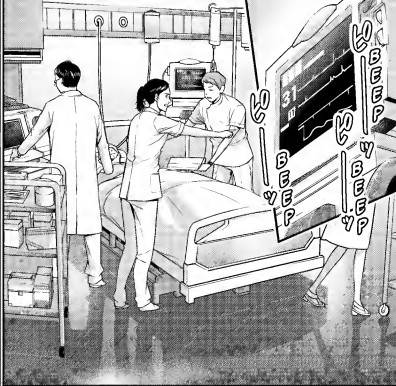


WHEN I
THINK LIKE
THAT, IT FEELS
LIKE YOU'RE
BOTH RIGHT
IN FRONT
OF ME...

AND I
DON'T
FEEL
LONELY
ANY-
MORE.

"I WONDER
IF NATSUO'S
BEING
A PICKY
EATER."

"I WONDER
IF HE'S
WORKING
OVERTIME
TODAY."





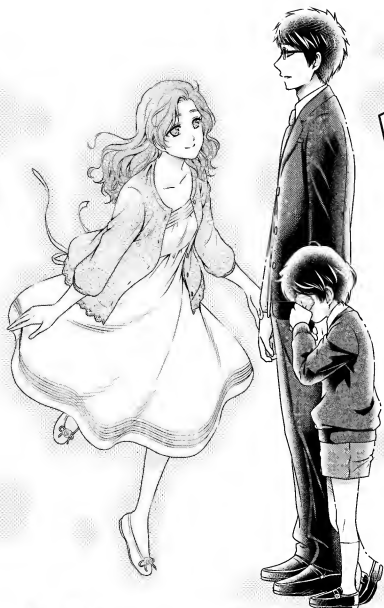
OH, MAN...

I THOUGHT I
WAS PREPARED
FOR THE WORST,

BUT I WAS
WRONG.

NOW THAT
YOU'RE
GONE...





...WHAT I'M
GOING TO
DO ANY-
MORE...



...I DON'T
KNOW...



YOU
REALLY
...

...THINK
SO?



YOU'LL
BE
FINE.

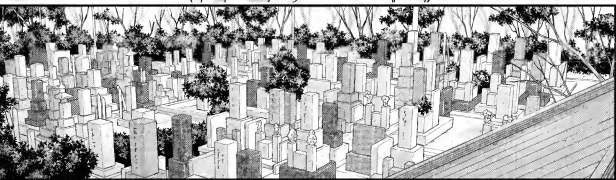
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.



JUN-
CHAN
...

YOU'RE
NOT
ALONE.

I'M
SURE.
AFTER
ALL,



TIME SURE
FLIES...

IT'S HARD
TO THINK
OUR LITTLE
CRYBABY,
NATSUO...

...IS ALREADY
GRADUATING
FROM HIGH
SCHOOL.

I
SHOULD
GET
GOING,
JUN-
CHAN.

WELL
...

SEE YOU
LATER.





THANKS!
YOU
COULD'VE
COME TO
THE GRAVE,
YOU KNOW.

HERE
YOU GO...
I FOUND A
STORE THAT
SELLS RE-
ALLY GOOD
KINTSUBA*
A WHILE
AGO.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

*KINTSUBA: A JAPANESE CONFECTION OF SWEET AZUKI BEANS COVERED IN A FLOUR DOUGH.



I DIDN'T
WANT TO
INTERRUPT
YOUR DATE.

IT'S
OKAY.



RUI-
CHAN!



HMM...
SHE WAS
CERTAINLY
A CHAR-
ACTER.

I KNOW.
WHY DON'T WE
GET SOME
OMURICE**
ON THE WAY
HOME? IT WAS
JUN-CHAN'S
FAVORITE.

SOUNDS
GOOD.
HER NAME
WAS
JUN-SAN?
THAT'S A
CUTE
NAME.



HA,
HA.

HOW
THOUGHT-
FUL OF
YOU.



HEY.

WHAT WAS
NATSUO'S
MOM
LIKE?

**OMURICE: AN OMELETTE STUFFED WITH FRIED RICE.

DOMEX GIRL

Preview

WHY
DON'T WE
GET IN
TOGETHER
?

IN
THAT
CASE,

HIS FIRST TRIP
TOGETHER
WITH HIS CUTE
GIRLFRIEND...

HEY,
TAKE
OFF THE
REST.

...IF YOU
GO TO
SLEEP
CUDDLING.

THEY
SAY IT'S
REALLY
WARM
...

Something's
sure to
happen!

IS THE LOVE
TRIANGLE
BACK ON?!

SQUEEZE

I'M
BACK
...

HEY
...

AN
UNEXPECTED
REUNION
WHILE RUI'S AWAY!

TO BE CONTINUED IN **VOLUME 14!**

Domestic Girlfriend 13

KODANSHA COMICS Digital Edition

Domestic Girlfriend volume 13 copyright © 2017 Kei Sasuga
English translation copyright © 2017 Kei Sasuga

All rights reserved.

First published in Japan in 2017 by Kodansha Ltd., Tokyo.
Electronic Publishing rights for this English edition arranged through
Kodansha Ltd., Tokyo.

No portion of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or
by any means without written permission from the copyright holders.

English digital edition published by Kodansha Advanced Media, LLC,
San Francisco.

www.kodanshacomics.com

ISBN: 9781642120301

Digital Edition: 1.0.0

Translation by Adam Hirsch
Lettering by Daniel Park
Editing by Sarah Tilson
YKS Services LLC/SKY Japan, INC.

